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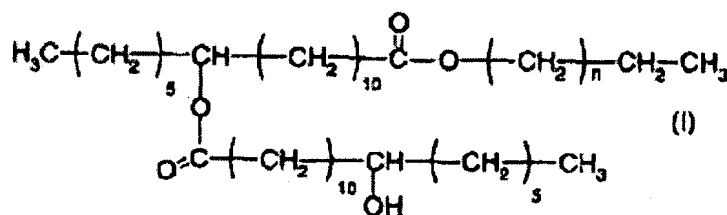
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### DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on 2/5/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants did not elect single disclosed species. Applicants elected wax of formula I. Page 9 of the specification describes formula I. See below for structure.

As tackifying wax it is possible to use a C<sub>20</sub>-C<sub>40</sub> alkyl (hydroxystearoxy)stearate (the alkyl group containing 20 to 40 carbon atoms), in particular a C<sub>20</sub>-C<sub>40</sub> alkyl 12-(12'-hydroxystearoxy)stearate, of formula (I):



in which n is an integer ranging from 18 to 38, or a mixture of compounds of formula (I).

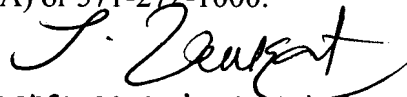
Applicants did not specify single compound. What is the value of n?

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JYOTHSNA A. VENKAT Ph. D whose telephone number is 571-272-0607. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30-7:30:1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL WOODWARD can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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